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A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS A of the Washington and Georgetown Rail way Company for the election of directors wil be held at the office of the company, Georgetown, on WEDNESDAY, the 14th day of January, 1801. town, on WEINESDAY, the 1stit day of Samu-ary, 1801.

The polls will be opened at 10 a.m. and closed at 12 m. Transfer books will be closed on the 7th of January, 1801, and opened on January 14, 1801.

E. M. KOONES, Secretary.

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THE WEST END NATIONAL BANK. Nineteenth st. and Pa. ave., Washington, D. C.

GOVERNMENT GOSSIP POSTMASTER APPOINTED.—Charles E.

Brown was yesterday commiss master at Venus, Va. NAVAL ORDERS.—Passed Assistant Engineer Harrie Webster has been ordered from his present duties to duty in Bureau of Steam Engineering.

ORDERED TO DUTY.—Passed Assistant Engineer Welster, U. S. A., has been ordered to duty in the Bureau of Steam Engineering, Navy Department.

CALLED ON THE PRESIDENT.—Among the President's callers to-day were: Attorney-General Miller, Senators Dolph and Spooner, Representative McKinley, Rep-resentative Van Schaick and ladies.

THE DRY-DOCK COMMISSION.—The new members of the Gulf Dry-Dock Commis-sion were at the Department this morn-ing arranging for the meeting of the Board at New Orleans on the 5th of next

The Inoquois at Samoa.—Commanding Officer U. S. S. Iroquois reports sailing from Honolulu on November 8, 1890, and arrived at Paugo-Paugo, Tutulia, Samoan Islands, on December 1, 1890. Officers and crew well.

HOLIDAY VISITORS.—A messenger at the State, War and Navy Department said this morning that, notwithstanding the disagreeable weather, he had never before known so many visitors at the Department during the holidays.

Bill Signer.—The President to-day signed an act, authorizing the Bowling Green and Northern Pacific Railroad Company to bridge Green and Barien Rivers; also an act authorizing the city of Albany, Ore., to construct a bridge across the Willamette River in Oregon.

CHEROKEE STRIP BOOMERS.-The War Department has received no information in regard to the reported contemplated in-vasion of the Cherokee Strip. The depart-ment commander has standing instructions to keep the boomers out at all hazards, and War Department officials have no doubt that the soldiers will carry out the instructions to the letter.

General Schoffeld's Report.—The annual report of the Major-General commanding the Army has been issued. The report gives in full detail all the operations of the troops during the past year, their condition as to discipline and instruction, the changes that have been made in the stations and in the organization of divisions and departments, and in general all that is needed for complete and precise information in respect to the work that has been done by the line of the Army during the past year and its present condition.

RAILWAY MILEAGE OF 1890.

Figures of the Total Construction Dur-ing the Current Year. NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—From statistics New York, Dec. 27.—From statistics published by the Engineering News it appears that the total addition to the country's railway mileage during 1890 has been nearly 5,800 miles, or about 700 miles more than was laid in 1889. The total amount of railway completed January 1, 1801, will be 167,172. Of this amount 30,912 miles, or over 22 per cent., has been constructed during the last five years. The Southern Atlantic, Gulf and Mississippi States, with a total of 2,158 miles, lead, as they have for three years past, any two groups of or three years past, any two groups of

WANTS TO BUY ALASKA.

A Large Sum Offered In \$20 Gold Pieces. James Carroll of Sitka, Alaska, delegate elect from that Territory to Congress, said yesterday that if Congress did not think Alaska of enough importance to give it all the facilities and rights it had granted every other outlying settlement of the Government, he was empowered to offer the sum of \$14,000,000 for the Territory, and would pay it over in \$20 gold pieces at the shortest notice. This offer, he said, was bone fide.

New Hampshire's Imbroglio. CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 27.—Lengthy con-ferences were held here last night by both ferences were held here last night by both Republicans and Democrats to consider the political situation. The meetings con-tinued in session until long after mid-night. Clerk Jewett has completed his answer to the petition of Democrats for an injunction in connection with the make-up of the roll in the next House of Rep-resentatives and it will be filed in the Su-preme Court\_to-day.

Searching for an Assassin. Rose, Dec. 27.—According to the Tribona. Podlewski, the assassin of the Russian policeagent, General Seliverskoff, has been observed in the Victor Emanuel gallery inspecting the works of art there.

The Italian police are making an active search for him, and the searching of the residences of the Russian refugees, in one of which they believe Podlewski to be

Messrs. O'Brien and Parnell. Pans, Dec. 27.—Mr. William O'Brien has not, as yet, met Mr. Parnell, but he expects to have an interview with that gentleman next week.

Released from Custody. George M. Storrs, whose hearing on a writ of habous corpus is set for Monday, was released from the custody of the marshal to-day on a bond of \$300.

A Composer's Sufeide.

London, Dec. 27.—The well-known composer and chess-player, Walter Grimshaw, to-day committed suicide by cutting his threat with a razor.

LOST WITH 46 MEN ON BOARD.

Her Agents at Baltimore Give Up the BALTIMORE, Dec. 27.—Patterson, Ramsay & Co., agents of the Johnston line at this port, have given up for lost the stenmship Thanemore, Captain Butcher, this port, have given up for lost the steamship Thanemore, Captain Butcher, which left Baltimore November 25 for London. She passed out the capes on November 27, twelve hours ahead of the Atlantic transport liner Maryland, upon which Captain Alfred H. Luckhurat and three men lost their lives, the vessel being forced to put into Philadelphia to make repairs. The Thanemore had a general cargo, valued at \$175,527, and 430 head of cattle. Firms shipping the cattle were insured against total loss. Thirty-four men comprised the officers and crew, and there were also twelve cattlemen on board.

The Thanemore has been out a month, and even if disabled she would have been seen by some steamer, as her track across was traveled by all. The Thanemore was built in Barrow in 1876 for the Imman Line. She was of iron, 332 feet long, 303 feet beam and 33 feet 2 inches depth of hold. Her gross tonnage was 5,032 tons and 1,671 tons uet register. In 1879 the Thanemore was bought by William Johnston & Co., and registered at Barrow. Under command of Captain Richard Butcher, now of the Alexander Elder, the Thanemore made an envisible record as a cattle-carrier. Captain Butcher, her master, was making his first trip in command of a Johnston liner, although he had long been chief officer in their vessels.

MOTHER AND CHILDREN BURNED.

Four Victims of Fire Found in a Bed-Futile Efforts to Rescue. ROCKESTER, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Fire at the ome of John Dietrich, No. 7 Orchard street, at 5 o'clock yesterday morning, detroyed the frame dwelling-house not

stroyed the frame dwelling-house not only, but caused the death of Mrs. Dietrich and her three children—Lillie, 6 years old; Jacob, aged 3 years, and Louisa, 11 months. Firemen could not get to the scene before the house was all assame, and in the interval Mrs. Dietrich, who had, with her husband, arisen from bed about 4 o'clock to prepare for breakfast, had rushed back up-stairs to try to save her children. She must have been overcome by suffocation, as the firemen, after quenching the slames, found in the bedroom where the woman had slept the body of the unfortunate woman lying across the bed with the feet on the floor. Beside her lay the three little children, their bodies burned to a crisp, as well as that of their mother.

PULLMAN EMPLOYES STRIKE.

hree Hundred Blacksmiths Resent New Schedule of Prices. CHICAGO, Dec. 27.-About 300 black smiths employed in the shops of the Pullman Palace Car Company struck yes-

Pullman Palace Car Company struck yesterday against a new schedule of prices, to take effect January I, reducing the earnings of the men. George W. Pullman stated last night that the company did not intend to reduce wages, but simply to readjust prices on piece-work.

The proposed readjustment of piece prices affects about 1,500 workmen, but only 300 blacksmiths have taken aggressive measures so far. A conference will be held to-day between a committee of blacksmiths and General Manager Sessions.

CONSPIRACY TO MURDER.

Number of Well-Known Citizens Ar rested in Texas.

Conrus Carasti, Tex., Dec. 27.—The grand jury of Hidalgo County has indicted a number of well-know citizens for conspiracy to murder, and for being accessories to the killing of Judge Max Stern by a Spanish woman some time ago.

Twelve indictments were returned, and a number of others concerned in the plot have fled to Mexico. The consultacy grew out of public sentiment, and it is said that plans were made for the killing of District Judge Russell, two depatty marshals and others. One of the conspirators betrayed the plot. The trouble originated two years ago, when Judge Russell rendered a decision reinstating county officials who had been ousted by the county commissioners. conspiracy to murder, and for being ac-

been ousted by the county commissioners KILLED A HIGHWAYMAN.

Street-Car Driver Uses His Pistol Effectively. Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 27.—About 11 o'clock last night two masked men attempted to rob a street car in the suburbs of the city. Theodore S. Seely, the driver, shot one of them dead and wounded the other, but not sufficiently to prevent his escape. The dead highwayman was heavily armed and on his person were fragments of papers giving the name of — Richards of Danville, III.

A Hotel Burned. PLATTSEURG, N. Y., Dec. 27.—The Mount Porter House, located at Keene Valley was burned at 5 o'clock yesterday morn was burned at 5 o'clock vesterday morning. The hotel was owned by New York capitalists and managed by Mr. James Holt. The structure was completed last sammer, and cost \$40,000. The fire originated in the parlor on the ground floor, and in a very short time the entire building was reduced to ashes. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin. The insurance on the building was \$47,000.

Fire In Auburn Prison. AUBURN, N. Y., Dec. 27.—The foundry of the prison is now burning. The flames are spreading and the entire fire department is within the prison walls.

LATER.—The fire in the prison burned to collar shop, partially destroyed the broom shop and slightly damaged the foundry. The flames are now under controller.

DETECT, MICH., Dec. 27.—F. W. Leach Co., lumber dealers, yesterday filed two chattel mortgages to secure an in-debtedness aggregating \$50,000 and repre-sented by fifteen promissory notes about to become due. The mortgages cover all the stock, material and machinery con-nected with the firm's lumber yards.

Grand Jurors Drawn. The names of the following persons hav The names of the following persons have been drawn to serve on the grand jury of the Criminal Court for the January terms 1891; Charles Hurley, J. R. Freeman, A. J. Sanford, Joseph Rateman, Henry F. Gity, Robert Lusby, C. M. Favis, William Brith, Robert H. Wade, J. Blake Kendall, M. D. Howard, George W. Banor, James H. Paul, Freelerick Walter, William C. Johnson, Watkins Tolson, Ernest A. Shuster, Bance Reers, Jefferson Thomas, James L. Parsons, Henry G. Camp, William H. McKnew and J. M. Birekhead.

Reception to the Historical Society— The American Historical Association will be entertained Tuosday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock by Mr. and Mrs. William D. Cabell, who have invited a number of friends to meet them. Mrs. Cabell will be assisted by Mrs. Leo Knott, Mrs. William Earle, Mrs. Teunis Hamilin, Mrs. General Cilley, Mrs. E. H. Walworth, Mrs. A. Howard Clark, Mos Cabell will have with her Miss Nicolay and Mrs. Stetson. Reception to the Historical Society

Marriage Licenses Issued. Marriage licenses were issued to-day to the following persons: Joshua Taylor and L. A. Tatson; Claiborn Holmes and Liddle Henderson; Benjamin F. May and Irma Woodington; John Carter of Pittsburg, Pa., and Lucy Bailey of Washington. \$14.85 sale of Suits and Overcoats. Eiseman Bros., 7th and E.

FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

CHRISTMAS CLUB DINNERS TO THE POOR CHILDREN.

One at the National Rifles' Armory-The Other on the Navy Yard-A Sumptu-ous Feast and a Present for Each.

A sturdy Christmas tree, with wide branching arms overladen with toys and holiday ornaments of every kind, stood proudly on the platform of the National Rifles' Hall this afternoon, and lightened the hearts and hopes of half a thousand children who were seated, waiting eagerly or the entertainment.

Down stairs the miniature army children had ravaged the long rows of tables set in the supper-room of the de-lectable treat which had been provided for them by the kind-hearted ladies who lent their influence and support to the Children's Christmas Club, No. 2. All the morning children were loitering

round the door with expectant faces and

fast-beating hearts, impatiently waiting for the time when the doors were to be opened to them. Upstairs the ladies and gentlemen of the committee were busily trimming the big Christmas tree. Each had a pank ribbon with the letters "C. C. C." imprinted on them, and a tiny jingling bell on the end. These were Miss Strong, Miss Woodhull, Miss McCeney, Miss Heintzelman, Miss Kauffmann, Mr. Frank M. Dixon, Mr. Charles Gibson.

The long tables, of which there were five, were in charge of Mrs. Charles Gibson, Mrs. Surgeon-General Browne, Mrs. Graham Adee and Mrs. M. E. Dulin. Each of these ladies were assisted by a committee selected by themselves, consisting of Mrs. Charles Adee, Miss Kate Thomas, Miss McCarthy, Mrs. Bessie Stewart and others.

The children began arriving in numbers before 1 o'clock, and soon the immense concourse of children which had gathered were seated at the table, chattering and laughing like the light-hearted little ones they were. This year the club did not give an elaborate dinner, as it was thought more advisable to give an entertainment after the refreshments had been served. There was lots to eat, but it was of a lighter character than on previous occasions of the kind.

It would have melted the heart of a cynic to have seen the children seated at the tables, happy and contented as so many cherubs. There were all sorts and varieties among the motley assemblage, but all appreciated the benevolence of the ladies who had provided the spread.

About 2 o'clock the children trooped upstairs, where the Christmas tree, bending under its load of presents, met their eyes, and a murmur of pleasure and admiration ran through their ranks. They were soon seated, and the entertainment began. The Marine Band furnished the music. Included in this was a Punch and Judy show, so henored by juvenile tradition, and this pleased the audience immenselv. Miss Kate Field aroused much mirth by singing in an irresistibly comic way. She received hearty and continued applause, and rend a Christmas carel which was vri

for the ladies' committee, while Miss Fanny Fuller, daughter of the Chief Justice, was elected president, and Miss Kitty Reed, daughter of the Speaker, was vice-presi-dent. The other committees were as fol-

ows: Mrs. ont, Miss Peachy, Miss Clark, Miss Kauffmann. Three big busses filled to overflowing at the door of Odd-Fellows' Hall, or Eighth street southeast, and discharged

Eighth street southeast, and discharged their loads this afternoon. Into the open hospitable door and up the stairs they went until they reached the hall where the long rows of tables were waiting for them to sit down and enjoy the the palatable dinner given them by the Children's Christmas Club of East Washington.

A smiling, bright-faced crowd of over 700 children were waiting patiently for the word to charge upon the tables.

Promptly at 1 o'clock the signal was given, and 350 of the juveniles sat down. The bill of fare consisted of turkey, buttered rolls, cranberry sauce, pickle, ice cream, cakes, nuts, raisins, oranges, and bananas. That such a dinner was seen by many of them only once a year, when the kind-hearted members of the club give the spread, was plainly evident by the eager way in which they consumed the catables. Just imagine to yourself nearly 400 children, campdetely filling the spacious hall, ranged around the tables talking animatedly when they enter filling the spacious hall, ranged around the tables, talking animatedly when they the tables, talking animatedly when they got time between mouthfuls, and smiling industriously while their jaws were not working. Grace was reverently said for this table by Rev. W. E. Parson of the Church of the Reformation, and then a heat of pretty school girls, each wearing a ribbon, began to wait on the hungry diners.

diners.

It was a charming scene. During the meal a portion of the Marine Band, under Professor Sousa, discoursed sweet music from the platform.

One of most pleasant features was a brief and kindly address by Commissioner Ress, who wished for the future prosperity of his little hearers and many another dinner like they had to-day. A detachment of policemen, under Lieutenant Gesford, kept the more volatile ones under subjection. A Christmas tree also lent to the attractiveness of the occasion.

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When the first portion of the children had satisfied their appetites, they gave way to the remainder. For these, Ilev. Gilbert B. Williams of Christ Church, Navy-Yard, invoked divine blessines on his little hearers, who listened with reverently bowed heads, with one eye cast anxiously toward the tables before them. When the mean was finished each child was given a toy and box of candy, while a paper bag was provided in which they carried away the remnants. The ladies who are interested in this dinner also distributed large quantities of food to deserving persons consisting chiefly of flour and potators.

ters.
The dinner was under the supervision of Mr. John F. Freeman, assisted by Miss M. G. Kelly and Miss V. L. Morse. An innovation in this dinner was the presence of half a hundred children from Angeostia. The committees having the

follows:
Table No. 1—A. L. Granii, Isa Walker, Holena S. Johnson, Leonora Merritt. Waltresses-Grace Ruard, Mary McMenamin, Bessle Basiney, Edith Mahon, Fercy Peyor, Mand Poliock, Hope Hopkins, Jalla Itali.
Table No. 2—Annie Bleers, S. B. McNanix, M. A. McNanix, Mertha Buchler, Waltresses, Annie Shelsir, Hattle Forry, Pauline Shelso, Annie Miller, Margie Finn, Lillian Cavell.
Table No. 3—B. L. Wosekward, S. K. Woosl-ward, Clara Willenbucher, C. Y. Brewer, Waltresses—Luin McNally, Grace Brown, Resie Kress, Holla Stone, Ada Hensley, Eva Stidlam, Lillian Carperter, Lallie Spoffort, Eduted Chery,

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Thile No. 4-M. A. Aukward, M. M. Mack,
S. M. Kilmer, E. J. Bock. Waltresses Marian
Carpentor, Edith Tappan, Jennie Wiley, Neilie
Clinstead, Olive Capehari, Fanny Walker,
Table No. 5-Carrie Stewart, Annio L. West,
Mrs. Stephens, J. E. Baker, WaltressesLeonor Riotte, Emma Riotte, Minuie Hawes,

Carrie Compton, Eva Stewart, Katle Adams

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Table No. 6.—M. E. Armstead, Annie Leonard, H. R. White, C. J. Mainis, L. J. Reisburg, Waitressee, Grace Pields, Louise Randall, Rachel Williams, Bessle Bohrer, Lottle Miller, Georgie Cummins, Florence Dolge, Table No. 7.—M. E. Doughass, N. E. Bobrer, L. L. Zimmerman, Waitressees—Daley McNally, Mamie Reisborn, Alice Spurrier, Lizzie Chars, May Harthat, Fannie Bensler, Carrie Lesmann, Table No. 5.—Rilen E. Garrigner, Mamie Stuart, Sallie Flenniken, Bertle Platt, Blanche Murray, Waltressees—Hessle Lammun, Julia Weed, Lucy Caraway, Phache Miller, Julia Hooe, Dalsy Hunter.

SCALPED IN A LAUNDRY.

A Pretty Woman Raised to the Ceiling by Her Long, Flowing Hair. New York, Dec. 27.—In a First avenue laundry, near Twenty-third street, yester-day, pretty Mrs. Wilkes, the young wife of Herman Wilkes of 306 East Twenty-

of Herman Wilkes of 306 East Twentyseventh street, was completely scalped by
a most horrible accident that befell her.
She has long, beautiful hair, and it was
permitted to hang in lexuriant folds on
her shoulders. She was at work ironing
linen by machinery when her tresses got
entangled with the belting running from
the machine to a motive pulley at the
ceiling. Mrs. Wilkes screamed, but before any of her fellow-workwomen could
rush to her assistance she had been drawn
up to the ceiling and then the big pulley
was slowly winding up her hair.

The women were paralyzed, and, before
they regained their senses, the hair had
all been wound around the pulley, and
then—horror of horrors!—the relentless
machinery literally fore away the poor
unfortunate's scalp. Mrs. Wilkes dropped
in a heap on the floor, unconscious, her
head bleeding profusely. An ambulance
came quickly, and the poor woman was
taken to Bellevue Hospital, where, it is
feared, she will never recover. She is
only 24 years old, and was a more than
usually handsome young matron.

ENCOURAGING IMMIGRATION. The Brazilian Government Offers Big

Premiums.
Warsaw, Dec. 27.—What is ostenisbly the text of a secret decree of the Brazilian Government for the encouragement of immigration is published by the Courier. immigration is published by the Courier.
The decree, which bears the signatures of President Fonseca and Senor Gliceria, appears to have been issued June 29, 1890.
It is made up of forty-nine articles and promises to pay immigration agents 120 francs for every adult they send to Brazil and 60 francs for every child landed. In addition to this a premium of 100,000 francs is offered to any company which shall place 10,000 immigrants in Brazil in one year. Substantial advantages are also offered such immigrants as shall, before sailing, sign a declaration as to the handicraft they intend practicing on their arrival in Brazil.

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s The Comfer complains that immigrants calling from Russian ports are never asked to sign any declaration, and therefore when they arrive in Brazil they find themselves in the position of outlaws, deprived of all rights, and driven into contracts which practically convert them into slaves. The Convier accuses the Brazilian Government of connivance in this fraud.

A STEAMER BURNED AT SEA.

Her Crew of Sixty Chinamen, With European Officers, All Lost. LONDON, Dec. 27.—According to advices received here the steamship Shanghai recently caught fire at sea, and is supposed to have become a total loss. The disto have become a total loss. The dis-aster is understood to have occurred near Wu House, a port of the Chinese province of Nghanx Hoel, on the Yang-Tse-Kiang, about fifty miles above Nanking. The crew, consisting of sixty natives, together with several European officers, are sup-posed to have met their death either in the flames or subsequently by drowning while attempting to escape from the burn-ing vessel.

A BRITISH STEAMER BURNED. on fire at Diamond Harbor, in Hoogly River, thirty-four miles below this city. It is understood that the fire originated among the cargo, which is thought to be among the cargo, which is thought to be considerably damaged. The Golconda is of 3,961 tons burden.

MET A HORRIBLE DEATH.

A Young Girl Killed on a Trestle LOCKHAVEN, PA., Dec. 27.-Emma Mather was killed vesterday on a railroad bridge near Halifax in a most shocking manner. She was half way across it when she heard a train coming. She realized her danger and attempted to dropthrough the ties into the creek below. The space was too narrow, however, and while she

was trying to squeeze through the engine struck her. struck her.

All her clothing was torn from her as the locomotive passed her, and she was killed instantly. Her body dropped into the creek, and one of the men who happened to carry the crushed body to the shore stopped to see if he could identify it. Suddenly he exclaimed, "My food, it is my daughter!" The girl was 23 years old.

A Stranger Sandbagged and Robbed of

\$5,000. that Dr. H. A. Kelso of Paxton, Ill., who arrived here last Friday night with \$5,000 arrived here last Friday night with \$5,000 to settle a real estate transaction, was sand-bagged immediately after his arrival, while lighting a cigar in the rear of the Illinois Central deport, on Van Buren street, and robbed of \$5,000 in cash and a gold watch and chain valued at \$200.

The assault and robbery have been surpressed by the police up to the present time. Dr. Kelso has been taken to his home in Paxten and is said to be in a critical condition, his skull having been fractured. There is no cline to the robfractured. There is no clue to the rob-

CITY OFFICIALS INDICTED.

Charged With Conspiracy Regarding the Granting of Licenses.

New York, Dec. 27.—Mayor Gleason,
Excise Commissioners Murray, Slattery
and Allen and ex-Commissioner James and Alien and ex-commissioner James Reilly of Long Island City were served with bench warrants yesterilay requiring them to answer several indictments charg-ing them with conspiracy and extertion in connection with the granting of Reenses. Another indictment against the Mayor charged him with aiding and abetting the gambiers and pool-sellers who ran all summer at the Puritan Club rooms in Long Island City.

Fining the Bookmakers. FREEHOLD, N. J., Dec. 27.—Four of the Monmouth Park bookmakers, George Johnson, J. B. White, E. N. Marks and William Stokes, pleaded guilty yesterday to the indictments found against them and were fined \$300 each and costs.

Koch's Lymph in Florida JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Dec. 27.—Dr. Smith of St. Augustine cables that he has procured a liberal supply of Dr. Koch's lymph and will sail for home with it on January 4. This will be the first importation of lymph into Florida.

Well-Known Man Dead. Bosros, Dec. 27.-Hon. Edward J. Thomas died yesterday at his home in Brooklyn after a brief illness. He has served in both branches of the Lepisla-ture, and was a trustee in several large estates. He was a native of Cincinnati.

THE SCOTCH STRIKERS.

MAY BE CANNY, BUT THEY CERTAINLY ARE PROUD.

They Decline to Accept Assistance from London Tradesmen—"General" Booth, Commissioner Smith and "In Darkest England"—Notes from Constantinople,

Tripoli, Armenia, Paris and London. Loxpox, Dec. 27.-The English trades nions have been officially informed that the Scottish strikers have means for their present needs, and the principal aid de-sired is in the way of preventing the Scotch companies from obtaining men to take the strikers' places. A party of men engaged by a free-labor office at Wigan were to have left for Scotland to-day, but threats and persuasion at the last moment have prevented them from starting. The have prevented them from starting. The Scottish companies have fetained the free-labor offices in the principal cities of England to obtain men for the work that the strikers have abandoned, but so far, though many thousands are out of work, there is no eagerness to accept the companies offers. In Cardiff the attempts at recruiting had to be stopped, owing to the hostile attitude of the Weish railway men and the union seamen and firemen. The English railway men are generally of opinion that the Scottish railway fight is

hostile attitude of the Welsh railway men and the union seamen and firemen. The English railway men are generally of opinion that the Scottish railway fight is their own, and that English companies are waiting to see the result. Friends of "General" Booth claim that the resignation of Commissioner Smith, and the assertion that the General is not the author of "In Darkest England," are incidents in a plan formed and revisiontly. incidents in a plan formed and persistently followed by leading ecclesiastics of the Established Church to break down Booth's Established Church to break down Booth's scheme for the relief of suffering mankind; that he has gained the enmity of the Church by showing the inadequacy of its relief methods, and by offering a plan that might put the church to shame by proving really effective. As to authorship, the "General" avers that he is the author of every material idea in his book, and that the charge that he has done wrong in accepting credit for authorship is a last effort made to break him down when all others have failed.

Commissioner Smith is accused of jealousy of Booth and also of having been seduced from his allegiance to the army by prospects of a salaried position with one of the regular church mission organizations in the east of London. They admit that several prominent dignitaries of

zations in the east of London. They admit that several prominent dignitaries of the Established Church have indorsed their methods; but they claim that these are exceptions and that the great body of the beneficed clergy are bitterly opposed to the army. It is likely that contributions to the Booth fund will cease until the real significance of Commissioner.

the real significance of Commissioner Smith's resignation is developed.

A dispatch from Constantinople saysthe French Government has renewed its assurances to the Sultan of pacific intentions in Africa, and, at the same time, asked for reasons for the extensive military preparations being made by the

tary preparations being made by the Turkish authorities in Tripoli.

Large numbers of Armenians are emi-grating to Great Britain and Russia to-escape the intolerable persecution to which they are subjected by the Turks and Kuyis. which they are subjected by the Tarks and Kuris.

The London public seems to be losing its fondness for Christmas pantomimes. Only one West End theatre—Drary Lane—presents this once indispensable attraction this year. Even in the suburban houses the pantomime finds but few footholds this season.

M. Floquet has announced his desire for re-election to the presidency of the French Chamber of Deputics.

The Paris Salow will have a formidable rival this year owing to quarrels among

rival this year owing to quarrels among artists and committees.

The English army authorities are organizing a corps of signaliters for the army, the recruits being selected from the Postoffice Rifle Volunteers, preference being given to those trained in telegraphy. raphy.

Additional particulars from China as to the destruction by fire of the steamer Shanghai near Woo Hoo, in the province of Ngan-Hoe, about 50 miles from Nank-ing, show the loss of life to have been much greater than was at first supposed. First reports represented that the crew, which consisted of several European offi-cers and about sixty native deck hands, were supposed to have been either burned to death or drowned while endeavoring to escape the flames. It now appears that over two hundred human beings lost their

lives and that they were all drowned.

Panic seized upon the Chinese passengers and crew the moment the fire alarm was sounded, and became terrible as soon as it was seen that the fire was beyond control.

as it was seen that the fire was beyond control.

The European officers seem to have kept their heads, and exerted their utmost to restrain the totally demoralized Mongolians. Some of the boats were lowered, but were at once over-crowded by the Chinese mob and sank with all on board. There is a faint hope that later investigation may show the catastrophe to be less serious than appears from the latest China salvices.

There are two steamers bearing the name of Shanghai now in Chinese waters. One is a steamer of 2,044 tons register, which left Lendon October 19 for Shanghai, the other steamer is of 2,217 tons register, and is described as being engaged in trading locally in Chinese waters.

Dynars, Dec. 27.—Mr. Chief Secretary

in trading locally in Chinese waters.

DUBLIN, Dec. 27.—Mr. Chief Secretary Balfour has reconsidered his original determination, and now declines to speak in the province of Ulster during January.

Paus, Dec. 27.—It is officially stated that the amountements made in newspapers of this city that the formal conference between the Irish leaders will take place on Monday next are premature.

Mr. William O'Brien complains of the number of false statements in newspapers here, and attributed to Mr. Gill and himself. Mr. O'Brien denounces as especially untrue the statement that he would recommend that Mr. Parnell be retained as leader of the Irish party.

Grassow, Dec. 27.—The false reports as to the suspension of Messes, Pixley & Abell, builton brokers, arose from the financial indiscretions of a youthful member of the firm, who has since withdrawn from the company. The credit of the firm is unimpaired, and the banks express confidence in the stability of the house.

A Dishonest Clerk. Chicago, Dec. 27.—Ed. Bullard, a clerk in Giles Brothers' jewelry store. State and in Giles Brothers' jewelry store State and
Washington streets, is locked up at the
Central Police station, charged with steading diamonds, watches and silverware
from his employers. The palice have
already recovered from the pawn-shops
about \$1,500 worth of the stolen property
and believe the amount will foot up more
than twice as much before they are
through the investigation.
Builard began his peculations over a
year ago, but was not suspected until last,
work.

Governor Beaver's Silver Wedding. Hamistown, Pa., Dec. 27.—An incident of the dinner given by Governor and Mrs. Reaver last evening to the members of the Governor's Cabinet and their wives was the presentation of a silver toa service of clegant design to the host and hostess as a token of esteem on their twenty-lifth west-ding anniversary. Ex-Secretary Stone made the presentation speech.

Kernan's New Year Attraction.
Williams & Orr's Meteors is the greatest
valdeville company ever organized. A
matchless show.

Local Weather Forecast. For the District of Columbia, Maryland, Delaware and Virginia, Jair; southwesterly winds; slight changes in temperature; colder;